

Fakultät für Sozialwissenschaft, Veranstaltungskommentierung für das SoSe 2022

Veranstaltungsnummer, -titel, Dozent(in)
Power, Ideas and Interests in US Foreign Policy (IIP, Teil I; IV, Teil II) Roman Novak Do 10 – 12 Uhr
Beschreibung
US foreign policy has changed significantly in the last two decades - from the multilateralism of the Clinton administration to the war years under George W. Bush after 9/11, and the symbolic rhetoric of Barack Obama to the "America First" program of Donald Trump. Joe Biden, in turn, has smoothed Trump's political rhetoric, combining the multilateral and nation-centered course. What has actually changed in US foreign policy beyond rhetorical discourse? Which factors explain continuity and change in US foreign policy? Which values and ideologies, which lobby groups, and /or considerations of power have shaped US politics? The seminar examines US foreign policy from the 1990s to the present day employing the theories of International Relations. In particular, neorealist perspectives on the international distribution of power as well as society-oriented analyses of ideas and interests in the domestic politics of the USA are in the foreground as explanatory variables. The policy areas to be examined include foreign trade (TTIP/TPP), global economic governance (IMF/G20), Latin American policy (NAFTA), UN/environmental policy, transatlantic relations (NATO), emerging powers (China, Brazil, India), policy towards Russia, and Middle East policy (Israel, Iran, Syria, Iraq).
Voraussetzungen für Studiennachweise / Modulprüfungen
Ein Studiennachweis wird vergeben für regelmäßige und aktive Teilnahme an den wöchentlichen Diskussionen der jeweiligen Referate, fristgerechte Abgabe der Literaturberichte in der 3. und 4. Sitzung und Übernahme eines Referats mit Thesenpapier, PowerPoint-Präsentation und Diskussionsfragen. Modulprüfung: wie Studiennachweis inklusive Hausarbeit bzw. mündlicher (Modulabschluss-) Prüfung.
Teilnahmevoraussetzungen
Teilnahme an der Vorlesung „Einführung in die Internationalen Beziehungen“. Anmeldung per Campus Office. Anfertigung von Literaturberichten (eine Seite Zusammenfassung pro Text) zu den untenstehenden Texten. Ausreichende Kenntnisse der englischen Sprache.
Literaturhinweise
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Beeson, M. & Higgott, R. (2005) Hegemony, Institutionalism and US Foreign Policy: Theory and Practice in Comparative Historical Perspective, <i>Third World Quarterly</i>, 26:7, 1173-1188.2. MacDonald, P. K. (2018) America First? Explaining Continuity and Change in Trump's Foreign Policy. <i>Political Science Quarterly</i>, 133(3), 401-435.3. Jacobs, L. R. & Page, B. I. (2005) Who Influences U.S. Foreign Policy? <i>American Political Science Review</i>, 99:1, 107-123.4. Moravcsik, A. (1997) Taking Preferences Seriously. A Liberal Theory of International Politics, <i>International Organization</i>, 51:4, 515-555.5. Parmar, I. (2009) Foreign policy fusion: Liberal interventionists, conservative nationalists and neoconservatives - The new alliance dominating the US foreign policy establishment, <i>International Politics</i>, 46:2-3, 177-209.6. Schirm, S. A. (2020) Refining domestic politics theories of IPE: A societal approach to governmental preferences. <i>Politics</i>, 40:4, 396-412.